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Bangalore.

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Request of the Mysore State Temperance Federation to nominate one of their members to the Municipal Commissioner Civil and Military Station to represent the Federation.

Notes and Orders.

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P.U.C.

Letter dated the 18th November 1933 from the Honorary Secretary, The Mysore State Temperance Federation, Bangalore.

(1) No vacancies for nomination I believe?

Id/-T.P.
18-11-33.

(2)

The Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, consists of:-

(1) a President (Collector),

(2) a Medical Officer (Residency Surgeon),

(3) six Commissioners appointed by the Resident either by name or by office,-
1. Commissioner of Police,
2. Inspector of Schools,
3. Executive Engineer,
4. Garrison Engineer,
5. Station Staff Officer &
6. Officer Commanding British Station Hospital - ,

(4) twenty-one Commissioners elected by voters -
6 Europeans and Anglo-Indians,
8 Hindus,
6 Muhammadans and
1 Indian Christian - and
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(5) one Commissioner elected by the Bangalore Trades Association.

(3)

In addition to the above, the Resident may also, under section 8(4) of the Bangalore Municipal Law, 1897, nominate a person to be an additional Commissioner for such period as may be specified, provided that not more than one such person shall be so appointed at any one time and during the pendency of any such appointment no further appointment of any such nature shall be made. In exercise of this power, the Hon'ble the Resident has already appointed Mr.S.M.Narainswamy Pillay to be an additional Commissioner to represent the Adi-Dravidas. Mr.Narainswamy Pillay's appointment is for a period of one year in the first instance from the 1st December 1933.

× Not put up.

(4)

It will thus be seen that there is no vacancy in which another member can be nominated.

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A vacancy on the Commission can be created either (i) by increasing the strength of the Commission or (ii) by reducing the number of 'ex-officio' or 'elected' Commissioners.

(6) Any addition to the existing strength of the Commission requires the sanction of the Government of India. The Mysore State Temperance Federation, on behalf of which the present application has been made, does not appear to be a sufficiently important body to be represented on the Municipal Commission by a special member. The office of the Federation is in Bangalore City and when the Federation applied to the Resident for a grant in 1932, Mr. Cooke remarked as follows:-

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"The Federation to my knowledge has done nothing during the past year to further the cause of temperance among the drinking classes in the Station, and until they show some activity justifying their sincerity in the cause, I do not consider that a grant is justifiable especially at a time when other more worthy objects have to be restricted in their grants".

In the circumstances, a reference to the Government of India on behalf of the Federation will not be justified.

(7) In regard to (ii), even the present number (six) of ex-officio members has been considered to be inadequate to represent the official element. Nor is it possible to reduce the number of elected Commissioners.

⊗ Papers not put up.

(8) For orders whether the Honorary Secretary of the Federation may be informed that there is is no vacancy for nomination. Subject to approval, a draft is submitted.

27-XI-33

(From para 1)

(9) Sd/- 29/11

Sd/- 29.11.33

We should see the Govt. for remarks, if any.

29/11

Sd/- No 11178
29.11.33

The Collector, C & M Station, Bangalore. U.O.

(10) Circulars request, in my opinion. I don't think that such a body can properly expect to be represented in the Commission of the Com. Nations: They might expect representation in the Guyana State Assembly, which will give more scope for minorities.

11/XII/83

(11) Shall I may come?

Resident

(from [illegible])

16/12/83

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CORRESPONDENCE.

The Mysore State Temperance Federation

BANGALORE

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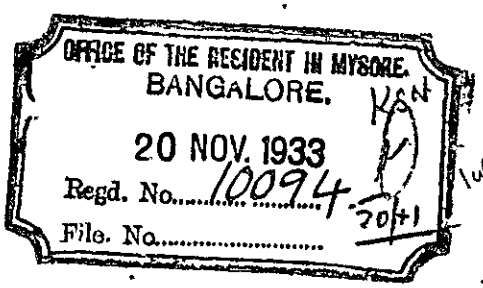

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OFFICE: Y.M.C.A.,
CENOTAPH ROAD,
BANGALORE CITY.

November 18, 1933.

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear sir,

The Mysore State Temperance Federation (formerly known as the Bangalore Temperance Federation) is working in Bangalore C. & M. Station for the last 15 years and has been carrying on Temperance Propaganda work especially in the Slums through Literature, Magic Lantern lectures, Cinema shows and exhibition of charts and models, etc. It has been able to do a great deal of educational work to promote Temperance through its voluntary workers. As the work of the Temperance Federation forms an important civic duty, it was resolved at the last meeting of the Mysore State Temperance Federation to request you, sir, to kindly nominate one of its members to be represented on the Municipal Commission of the C. & M. Station, for which the Federation will be grateful.

Yours sincerely,

To vacancies for nomination I believe?

HONY. SECRETARY.

All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 11635

FROM

Major G. Kirkbride, I.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Honorary Secretary,
The Mysore State Temperance
Federation, Y. M. C. A.,
Bangalore City.

Dated, Bangalore, the 19th Decr., *1933*.

Subject:

SIR,

With reference to your letter dated the 18th November 1933 requesting that a member of the Mysore State Temperance Federation, Bangalore, may be nominated to the Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, to represent the Federation, I am directed to inform you that there is no vacancy on the Commission in which another member can be nominated. Nor is it possible to nominate an additional member.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major,
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

ASB/18.12.

File No. 390(6)

1931.

Collection No. P&S/4 (4)

Mysore Residency

Bangalore.

Pros. Serial Nos. 1-4

Subject.

Indian Christian representation on the Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Previous References.	Later References.
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NOTES AND PRECIS.

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Subject.

Indian Christian representation on the Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Notes and Orders.

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SGPI—FP—379DCFMis.—4-12-24—2,00,000.

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Letter dated the 20th August 1933, from Mr.Mark Thangiah, B.A., Secretary, Indian Christian Representation, C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

The writer of the letter is the Secretary of the Bourdillon Y.M.C.A., Infantry Road. He has written the letter in his capacity as "Secretary, Indian Christian Representation, C. & M. Station". It is stated in the letter that Mr.P.G.D'Souza, B.A.,B.L., who retired from the service of the Government of Mysore as 3rd Member of Council in 1931, will lead the proposed deputation.

Till 1924, the Indian Christians in the Civil and Military Station were not separately represented on the Municipal Commission, but were merged with 'Hindus & Others' for purposes of election. In that year, they were formed into a separate electorate and allowed to return one representative to the Commission. Reference is invited in this connection to para 53 of the notes in file No. 390 of 1931.

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347A-03.

The Indian Christian community in the Station is advancing rapidly, as will be seen from the following figures:-

	In 1924.	In 1933.
Total population.	15467 (1921 Census)	20344 (1931 Census)
Number of voters.	125	430
Number eligible for election as Commissioners.	14	30

It will, however, be seen from the comparative statement recently prepared in connection with the representation of the Depressed Classes, that, even with their increased strength, the Indian Christians cannot be said to be very much under-represented on the Commission. Their

proportion

proportion is almost the same as that of 'Hindus and others', with whom they were merged till 1924, except in point of population.

In 1930, when it was proposed to increase the number of Muhammadan seats by two, a representation was received urging the claims of Indian Christians, among others, for a proportionate increase in the number of seats allotted to them. Please see in this connection paras 37(2) and 38 of the notes in file No.248 of 1930.

In the City Municipal Council, there are no elected Indian Christian Councillors. Among the nominated Councillors, Dr.M.Royan appears to be the only Indian Christian. There are, however, more Indian Christians in the Station than in the City: 20,344 in the Station as against 6038 in the City.

Any addition to the existing number of Commissioners requires the sanction of the Government of India. The next elections are to be held in November this year, i.e., in about 2 months.

The Resident has already exercised the power of nomination vested in him under section 8(4) of the Bangalore Municipal Law, in favour of the Depressed Classes and he cannot, therefore, nominate a member from any other community, at least for a year to come.

For orders whether the Resident is prepared to receive the proposed deputation, and, if so, when it will be convenient for him to do so.

(From here).

M.Royan
14-9-33

14/9

(9) I think they might state their proposals in detail & submit them through the Collector who will forward them with any remarks he may have to offer?

Resident (from Para 7).

YES.

14/9/33

17/9

Draft submitted.

21-9-33

21.9.33

S.N.2
9/17

Issued No. 3650, dated the 4th October 1933.

S.N.3

P.U.C.

Letter No.7852/33 dated the 6th November 1933 from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Please see paras (2) to (7) and (9) of the foregoing notes and p.u.c. and enclosure.

As has already been stated, the Indian Christians were formerly lumped with Hindus and others. In 1924 they were allowed to elect one member. Next year, i.e., in 1925 they asked for one more seat, but the request was not granted. Please see in this connection S.N.125 of file No.402 of 1891: this is the letter referred to by Mr.Cooke in para 2 of p.u.c. The request for additional representation was renewed in 1930, but refused again: vide S.N.19 of file No.248 of 1930 and paras 37(2) and 38 of the notes therein.

(2) Since 1927 (when the letter at S.N.125/402-1891 was issued), the number of Indian Christian voters has increased appreciably - from 276 in 1927 to 431 in 1933. But, as pointed out already, even with their increased strength, their proportion (0.23) does not compare unfavourably with that of the Hindus (0.22) or of the Muhammadans (0.27).

If the population of each community is taken into account, the scale of representation allowed to the Indian Christians might appear inadequate, but it will be seen from the statement at LL (and also para 3 of enclosure to p.u.c.) that an even proportion has not been kept up in this respect ~~even as far as~~ in the case of the other communities ~~are concerned.~~ also. It is not therefore safe to fix the scale of representation on the basis of population.

Another ground on which Mr.Cooke recommends an additional seat to the Indian Christians is the comparatively high

high percentage of literacy in the community. This may be so, but the writer of enclosure to p.u.c. perhaps overstates his case when he says that in point of literacy, the Indian Christians approximate the Europeans and Anglo-Indians. Actual figures are not available.

(b) As pointed out by Mr. Cooke in paragraph 3 of his letter, the request should have been made much earlier, to allow of changes, if any, being made before the present elections. (The new Commission is to function from the 1st December 1933).

(c) The Bangalore Municipal Law, it may be stated, is now under revision, and, if it is considered that the Indian Christians have a legitimate claim to one more seat on the Commission, the best course appears to be to provide for one more Commissioner in the revised Law. (section 8(1) will require to be amended).

(d) There is one more point that might be considered in this connection. It will be remembered that sub-section (4) of section 8 of the Bangalore Municipal Law, under which the Resident has power to appoint an additional Commissioner for a stated period, was recently made use of to appoint an Adi-Dravida Commissioner. The appointment is now for a period of one year from 1st December 1933, but may have to be made permanent. ~~Section 8(4) no doubt allows the appointment of an additional Commissioner, but it seems desirable that the power vested in the Resident under that section should be sparingly used as far as possible, it being reserved for emergencies.~~ Under section 8(1) of the present Law, the Commission is to consist of a President and 29 other Commissioners. While revising the Law, 29 may be altered into 31, so as to provide one permanent seat for the Adi-Dravidas and a second seat for the Indian Christians, if it is decided to give an additional seat to them.

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For the present, it is for orders whether a reply may be given to the effect that the present constitution of the Commission does not admit of an additional seat being allotted to any community, that the request was received too late for changes, if any, being made, before the elections this year and that the matter will receive the ~~sympathetic~~ consideration of the Hon'ble the Resident when a suitable opportunity arises.

(From para 11)

25/XI.33

28/XI/33

Sec. (20)

How does the case stand for revision of the Law?

The amendment of the Bangalore Municipal Law has been deferred till the Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act 1919 is available. The ~~Labor~~ Madras Bill is not yet ready.

19/XII/33

(From para 1)

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This noting could have been disposed of in a few line. The Indian Christians want an additional seat on the - - Commission. Under section 8(4) of the Bangalore Municipal Law, the Resident has the power to nominate one member on the Commission. This he has already done in the case of Adi-Dravidas. Unless therefore the Law is altered, the question cannot even be considered until the Adi-Dravida post falls vacant in December 1934. The President, at the end of para 2 of his letter, recommends one more seat for the Indian Christian community. He recommends an impossibility. We are waiting until Madras City amend their Act to amend ours. This is not likely to be ready for some time. The only point is whether we should ask the Government of - India to amend the Law now. In this connection paras. 12 to 14 of these notes may be read. I think, for the - - present, it will suffice to say that under the present - constitution there is no room for an additional seat and that the question will be examined when the present law is revised.

Draft submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From

Mr. Mark Thangiah, B.A.,
Secretary, Indian Christian Representation,
C.&.M.Station, Bourdillon Y.M.C.A.,
Bangalore.

To

The Personal Assistant to the

Honorable the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Indian Christian Representatives of the C.&.M.Station to request you to kindly to inform the convenient day and time of the Hon'ble the Resident for the Indian Christian Representatives to wait upon the Resident on a deputation in connection with the Indian Christian representation on the Municipal Commission. Mr.P.G.D'Souza,B.A.,B.L., Retired Member of the Executive Council will lead the Deputation.

I shall be grateful for a reply at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M Thangiah 26/8/33

SECRETARY.

The Resident.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE. 1933
No. 7430.
File No.

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Draft.

No. 9650 Dated 4th October, 1933

From

The Secretary to the Resident.

To

Mr. Mark Thangiah, B.A.,
Secretary, Indian Christian
Representation,
Civil & Military Station,
Bourdillon Y.M.C.A.,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 20th August 1933 regarding the representation of Indian Christians on the Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, I am directed to say that the Indian Christian representatives should state their proposals in detail and submit them, for the consideration of the Hon'ble the Resident, through the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

I have, etc.,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Copy

Copy to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information (with a copy of the letter to which this is a reply). The proposals, when received, may be forwarded to this office with any remarks he may wish to offer.

21.9.39.

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P.U.C.

Tg. Lr. 29/9/-
4/11/39.

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13-1,000—11-9—1933.

No. 7852/33 CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED....6th November.....193 3

From

G. H. COOKE, ESQ., M. C., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station, BANGALORE.

To

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
7 NOV 1933
Regd. No. 9698
File. No.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

Subject:-Increase of Indian Christian representation on the Commission.

With reference to the copy of your letter No.9650/43-1933 dated the 4th October 1933 to the Secretary, Indian Christian Deputation, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, sent to the Collector, for forwarding to you, with his remarks, any proposals that may be submitted by the Secretary of the Deputation on the above subject, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for the favourable consideration of the Hon'ble the Resident, the Secretary's letter dated the 16th October 1933 asking for more seats for the Indian Christian community on the Municipal Commission.

2. From a perusal of correspondence ending with your letter No.9402/402-1891 dated the 14th September 1927, it will be seen that the question of nominating a member of the Indian Christian community to one of the six nominated seats on the Commission was raised in 1925, but the Hon'ble the Resident was not in favour of the proposal in view of the fact that the percentage of voters among Indian Christians could not be compared with that of the voters among "Mussalmans" and "Hindus and others". Indian Christians, according to the 1931 Census, number 20,344 against 16,896 according to the 1921 Census and the percentage of voters is 2.12 against 1.6 in 1927. The statement appended below gives the present percentage of voters among the different communities:-

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No.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED.....193

From

G. H. COOKE, Esq., M. C. I. C. S.,

President, Municipal Commission,

Civil and Military Station, BANGALORE.

To

SIR,

13-3,000—11—8—1938

	Population.	Voters.	Percentage.
1. Europeans & Anglo-Indians.	9,678.	1,347.	13.92.
2. Hindus and others.	74,004.	3,653.	4.93.
3. Muhammadans.	28,625.	1,981.	6.93.
4. Indian Christians.	20,344.	431.	2.12.

I consider that the increase in population and in the percentage of voting strength added to the comparatively high percentage of literacy in the community justifies the request for one more seat, and in the circumstances, I recommend that the Indian Christian community may be granted one more seat on the Commission.

3. I feel, however, that the request should have been made at a much earlier date, to allow of changes, if any, being made before the present elections.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

PRESIDENT, M. C.

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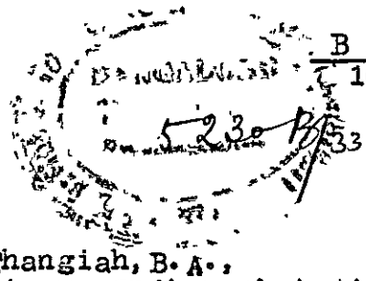
4-11-33.



Bangalore.
16th October 1933.

From

Mr. Mark Thangiah, B.A.,
Secretary, Indian Christian Representation,
Civil & Military Station, Bourdillon Y.M.C.A.,
Bangalore.

To

The SECRETARY to the HON'BLE THE RESIDENT in MYSORE.

THROUGH.
The Collector, C.&.M.Station, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.6403/35, of the 5th September 1933, I am directed to inform you that it is the view of the Indian Christian Community that the representation which has been conceded to them on the Municipal Commission is inadequate on a population basis, as well as by their test of literacy.

2. According to the figures furnished by the official report of the last census the numbers of the people as classed by community are as follows:-

Hindus and others	74,004
Mohamedans	28,625
Indian Christians	20,344
Europeans and Anglo-Indians	9,678

3. On the Municipal Commission eight members are elected by the Hindus and others, six by the Mohamedans, six by Europeans and Anglo-Indians and one only by the Indian Christians.

This gives a ratio of one seat
to 9250 Hindus.
4770 Mohamedans
1610 Europeans & Anglo-Indians
20,344 Indian Christians.

The inadequacy of the Indian Christian representation is apparent when stated in this way.

4. The Civil & Military Station is divided into six divisions and the three other communities get at least one representation for each division, but the community on whose behalf I am now writing has to be content with one solitary represen-

representative.

When it is considered that the area of the station is fairly extensive and that Indian Christians are scattered all over the six divisions one representative for the whole area is insufficient to ensure that the needs of all the units of the community are being attended to. It is a well known fact that literacy among the Indian Christians is very high. In this regard they approximate the Europeans and Anglo-Indians. Taking this into consideration and also the fact that the population of the Indian Christians is twice that of Anglo-Indians and Europeans, if one representation was allowed them in each division it would not be excessive.

It is requested that the contentions put forward should be personally considered. They are put forward with confidence in view of the fact that it is the declared intention of the Government of India and of local Governmemts to give adequate representation to all interests on municipal and legislative bodies.

We pray that more seats at the Municipal Council Table may be allotted to the Indian Christians of this station.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Shaw ch.
SECRETARY.

No. 184
6-1-1934.

S.N.3
P.U.C.

Draft.

From

Secretary to the Resident.

To

The President,
Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

Indian Christian representation on the Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 7852/33 dated the 6th November 1933, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the Secretary of the Indian Christian Representation may be informed that, under the present constitution of the Municipal Commission there is no room for an additional seat and that the question will be examined when the Bangalore Municipal Law is revised.

I have etc.,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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